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City of Salisbury completes preparation for January 2016 winter weather storm

Salisbury, N.C. (Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016) – The City of Salisbury has completed its initial preparation for the upcoming winter weather event scheduled to impact the region Friday, Jan. 22.

Winter storm preparation actually began in November 2015 with a snow and ice preparation meeting with weather-essential personnel. There Craig Powers, division manager, street and stormwater services, provided staff with updated personnel rosters, snow removal assignments, and a comprehensive snow removal equipment list.

In preparation for the impending storm, the City of Salisbury recently completed and implemented the following:

- Trucks and equipment have been checked and repaired, if needed.
- The city has nine plows with two pieces of heavy construction equipment that plow roads. There are also numerous backhoes, tractors, loaders and skid steers that can be deployed as needed.
- Plans have been made to adjust employee schedules to assure continuous staffing throughout the events. Additional staffing from other departments are on standby and ready to help if needed.
- The application of sand and salt will begin in emergency areas and bridges once it is determined that the material will be effective. If spread ahead of time, certain anti-icing agents will be washed away if rain develops before snow.
- Essential staff will report to work at midnight to begin monitoring the “Street” radio channel for road conditions.
- Emergency Management personnel and public services crews will continue to monitor the weather. Predictions are varying as to how much precipitation the Salisbury/Rowan area will receive (freezing rain, sleet, snow).

According to public services, the plowing of emergency routes will be its first priority, working towards neighborhoods as a second priority.

Residents are reminded to follow suggestions about winter weather preparedness at ready.gov or on the Salisbury website at salisburync.gov in the event of the need to remain at home for a prolonged period of time or an extended loss of power.

For up-to-date information on the winter weather storm in the City of Salisbury, please follow the City of Salisbury on Twitter at @CitySalisburyNC, and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC>.

The City of Salisbury, America's first 10-gigabit city, is located in the heart of the Piedmont region of North Carolina, midway between Charlotte and Greensboro. Salisbury is the county seat of Rowan County, and provides a full range of municipal services, including law enforcement, fire protection, zoning and code enforcement and water and sewer systems. For more information regarding the City of Salisbury and its services and departments, please visit us on the web at www.salisburync.gov. To receive updates regarding local initiatives, meetings, programs and events, please follow us on Twitter at @CitySalisburyNC and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CitySalisburyNC>.